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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMANS SAID TO BE CONTEMPLATING BIG ATTACK IN THE WEST.

THE KAISER TO APPEAR ON THE SCENE.

Quietude foreshadowed in the Balkans.

BULGARIANS NOT ANXIOUS TO FIGHT ALLIES.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE BALKANS.

BULGARIA'S PROMISE TO GREECE.

December 16, 3.10 p.m.
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ENGLISH NURSES' GREAT ORDEAL.

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THE BULGARIANS' PROGRESS.

December 16, 3.10 p.m.
The Bulgarians are reported to be fifteen miles from Durazzo.

A LULL ANTICIPATED.

December 16, 2.25 p.m.
According to a message from Salonica Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says the situation threatens to enter a period of comparative quiet, pending clearer revelations of the enemy's intentions.

BULGARIANS HAVE NO WISH TO FIGHT ALLIES.

Regarding the invasion of Greek territory, a captured Bulgarian officer has remarked that the Bulgarians have completed their task and had no wish to fight the Allies. This sentiment is so universally expressed by Bulgarian prisoners that it seems to reflect the feeling of the bulk of the Army. There was a time during the retreat when the Bulgarian raid south of Lake Doiran might have proved disastrous by cutting the British communications, but this was not attempted.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN.

Fears of the investment of Salonica in the near future are not entertained, as it would be a colossal task to bring up the necessary siege artillery, owing to the roads being bad, the bridges blown up and the railways partly destroyed. The Germans may use the lull to bring further pressure on Greece to kick out the Allies, only preparing for further operations after perceiving the futility of their pressure.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

The total British casualties during the retreat are 900, including 500 wounded who have been brought to safety. The balance of 500 missing must be regarded as mostly killed, because the Bulgars have been bayonetting and shooting the wounded.

GENERAL PAU.

ARRIVAL AT PETROGRAD.

December 16, 3.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that General Pau of the French Army has arrived. It is stated that he will remain in the capital with the Imperial General Staff. The decision is welcomed by the Press as contributing towards unity of action by the Allies.

IN THE EAST.

A BIG BATTLE IMMINENT.

December 16, 3.10 p.m.
The Germans are reported to be preparing for a great battle in the Drinak region, bringing up heavy guns and new regiments.

TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE RECRUITING BOOM.

LORD DERBY AND BACHELORS.

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
In the House of Lords, Lord Derby declared that the recruiting campaign had been like an election where the election came with a great rush at the end. Therefore, details could not be given till Mr. Asquith had made his statement, but there was overwhelming evidence that the country was absolutely determined to do all in its power to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

On the important question as to how far bachelors had responded to the call, he hoped to be able to give these figures in detail. Married men, he said, must not be called up until the bachelors had been recruited in proper numbers. Mr. Asquith's pledge regarding married men must be kept. He eulogised the splendid work of his recruiting colleagues.

The Earl of Crewe congratulated Lord Derby on the heavy work he had accomplished and on his great services to the nation.

IN THE WEST.

BIG GERMAN ATTEMPT FORESHADOWED.

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
Reports from Holland speak of formidable German preparations for a general attack in the West.

The Paris Temps says that while the reports should be accepted with reserve, they are not improbable. The constant arrival of new troops and munitions appears to indicate that Germany intends a big attempt. The journal points out that it is significant that Germany has ceased operations on the Eastern front, and says if the Germans do attack in the West, the Allies could inflict such a defeat as would entirely change the situation.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that reports from the frontier indicate that great quantities of ammunition are arriving in Flanders from Germany and there are numerous fresh troops at Courtrai and great activity at Ghent.

A Proclamation by Prince Albrecht of Wurtemberg, found on a deserter in Belgium, exhorts the troops to summon their energies to strike a decisive blow in the West, thus opening a way to the coast and victory. The Proclamation says:—"Your Imperial Master will be in your midst in a few days to spur you on to fresh triumphs."

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
The Kaiser has arrived in Berlin after visiting General von Hindenburg's Army. He will remain in the capital for some time.

A GALLANT INDIAN.

FOUGHT FIVE ARABS SINGLE-HANDED.

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
His Majesty the King has telegraphed to the 26th Light Cavalry deploring the loss of Jemadar Mahammad Khan, who fought five Arabs single-handed near Aden on October 7, killing three and disabling the fourth before he fell himself.

His Majesty recalls the fact that he saw the Jemadar at the Delhi Durbar, when the latter won the gold medal for the best man-at-arms of the Viceroy.

THE AGA KHAN'S LOSS.

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
Mr. Chamberlain has telegraphed his condolences to the Aga Khan on the murder of his cousin.

AN INTERESTING APPOINTMENT.

December 16, 1.50 p.m.
The President of the Board of Trade has appointed Mr. Louis Kershaw, at the nomination of the India Office, a member of the Advisory Committee of Commercial Intelligence.

BARRISTERS IN THE ARMY.

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
The Lord Chancellor announces that no appointments as King's Counsel will be made until the end of the war, owing to the number of barristers serving in the Army.

BRITISH AERIAL MISHAP.

December 16, 1.40 p.m.
A blazing aeroplane crashed to the earth at Farnborough, and Captain Smith, of the Flying Corps, who was on board, was burned to death.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

THE SITUATION BRIGHTER.

December 15, 3.25 p.m.
A message from Athens states that everything is for the present going very favourable for the Entente and relations with Greece are steadily improving. King Constantine will attend the Russian ball to be given on the Tsar's Name-day. The Bulgarian Minister has made a reassuring announcement indicating that the Bulgarians will not enter Greece. The Greek Government has now given the Allies free movement in a large sweep of territory in Greek Eastern Macedonia, removing the Greek troops to the west.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH ARMY CHANGES.

December 15, 4.35 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Sir Edwin Cornwall asked whether the selection of General Joffre as Generalissimo of all the French forces would necessitate any important changes in the higher British commands. Mr. Asquith, in reply, said that some changes will be announced almost immediately, but they are not connected in any way with the French Government's changes.

THE CHINESE MONARCHY.

NO GERMAN INTRIGUE.

December 15, 5.55 p.m.
In the House of Commons, at question time, Lord Robert Cecil said there was no reason to suppose that German intrigues had anything to do with the constitutional change in China.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

THE ENEMY FORCES.

December 15, 1.55 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said there was little reliable information to hand as to the enemy force at Hamadan, but it was understood there were some 8,000 irregulars and 3,000 of the revolted gendarmes.

TURKISH ATTACKS REPULSED.

December 15, 5.20 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain announced that there was heavy rifle fire at Kuz-el-Amara, on the north front on December 12, also a heavy attack on a village on the right bank of the Tigris which was repulsed. All was quiet on the following day. Reinforcements continue to proceed up stream as they arrive.

THE TURKISH STRENGTH.

December 15, 5.55 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated that it would not be to the public interest to state the means at his disposal to ascertain the strength of the Turkish force at Baghdad, as only the British expedition advanced so far. The Foreign Office and the India Office were, however, in close touch with the former subject. The Government's appreciation of the services of the expedition has been conveyed to General Nixon and Townshend.

PROTECTION AGAINST REBELS.

December 16, 12.50 a.m.
A Petrograd communique states:—"Our forces continue to pursue the Turco-Germans on the Hamadan road. A detachment of the population, consisting of influential Khans from Hamadan, have come and begged for protection against the rebels."

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMAN DEPOT BLOWN UP.

December 15, 4.55 p.m.
A Paris communique reports grenade fighting in Artois. Big French bombs blew up a German ammunition depot in the region of Trucy-le-Val. French batteries in the Vosges prevented the Germans from repairing their destroyed trenches. Further intense aerial activity has been exerted to our advantage.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

December 16, 2.40 a.m.
A Paris communique states that there have been the usual cannonading. The French aeroplanes have continued their activity. A squadron of thirteen bombed the aviation camp east of Mulhausen, striking the hangars. There were fifteen enemy aircraft in the camp but only five rose and unsuccessfully tried to drive off the French flotilla.

BRITISH OPERATIONS.

December 16, 3.30 a.m.
The Press Bureau issues a despatch from Headquarters in France which states that the enemy last night exploded a mine south-east of Ypres. The crater was immediately occupied by our bombers, who repulsed an attack. We seized an enemy's barricade south of Messines with trifling loss. Our artillery was active to-day and has done considerable damage to hostile trenches. Hostile artillery has been active about Ypres. Our aeroplanes raided Herilly aerodrome successfully. There have been ten combats in the air, in the course of which an enemy's battle-plane was killed by one of our reconnaissance machines. One of our machines was forced down within our lines.

AMERICAN DEMANDS ON AUSTRIA.

PRESIDENT WILSON UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED.

December 15, 5.20 p.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Cabinet has unanimously supported President Wilson regarding the demands on Austria. It agreed that diplomatic relations must be severed if the American demands are not met.

AUSTRIA'S EVASIVE REPLY.

December 16, 7.15 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Austrian reply to the Ancona Note was headed to the United States Ambassador at Vienna on the 14th. It is completely evasive and asks for particular instances where submarine commanders have been guilty of violations of international law. It declares that Austria is willing in principle to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American Government and expresses sympathy with the American victims.

(Continued on page 10.)

WEATHER FORECAST
FINE
December 30.15

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

Lord Alverstone.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, Received, December 16.
The death is announced of Lord Alverstone, Lord Chief Justice of England from 1900 to 1913.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The Bulgarians are reported to be within fifteen miles of Durazzo.

The Germans are reported to be preparing for a great battle in the Drinak region.

Another arms case, in which foreigners are said to be implicated, is pending in Shanghai.

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DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting—Noon.
Monday, December 20.
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 up against Germany, what can
 Germany expect to gain by a con-
 tinuance of the war that she did
 not have when she broke the
 peace? Say peace was declared to-
 morrow, she would find her erst-
 while military supremacy a thing
 of the past. Great Britain has
 got something she did not desire,
 the status of a great military
 power in every sense of the term.
 France and Russia have had to
 strengthen their arms to a degree
 never contemplated. If an
 eleventh hour peace were
 established the British Empire
 would to all intents and
 purposes be closed to German im-
 migration, capital and enterprise;
 French bitterness for Germany
 would be intensified; Russia
 would be hostile for generations.
 In short, German trade connec-
 tions all over the world would be
 broken and her financial position
 weakened to a point of paralysis.

Daily Press.

The Hon Mr. Pollock's Questions.

The only reason, therefore, for
 the continuance in Hongkong of
 an antiquated system which the
 Colony has long outgrown is the
 failure of the community to press
 their claims with sufficient per-
 sistency. If proper steps are taken
 to bring their case before the
 attention of the Secretary of State
 himself, instead of allowing it to
 be pigeon-holed by the per-
 manent officials of the Colonial
 Office, it will have a good
 prospect of receiving sym-
 pathetic consideration. We ven-
 ture to doubt, however, whether
 Mr. Pollock's proposal would be
 accepted in its entirety. For while
 a strong claim can be made out
 by the British residents of the
 Colony to a system of government
 more in accordance with that
 which they have been accustomed
 to regard as a natural right, there
 would be some difficulty in show-
 ing that it ought to be extended
 to other sections of the community
 to whom it is entirely foreign.

China Mail.

What Britons Are Doing in the War.

Even to-day there seems to be
 no inclination in several quarters,
 chiefly in quarters antagonistic to
 the United Kingdom and the
 British Empire, to deny and even
 to deride the British share in the
 war. It is therefore occasionally
 necessary to point out
 and to emphasise what the
 British part really is. We
 shall in passing, merely re-
 mind such cavillers that the
 British entered the war chiefly to
 assist the French to oust the Ger-
 mans out of France and the Bel-
 gians to get rid of their vandalistic
 invaders. That was at the be-
 ginning of the war, and though
 the British attitude and outlook
 have changed since then with
 the changing circumstances, it is
 as well to bear in mind what the
 British position really was at the
 outset of hostilities; when, in the
 words of Mr. Schroeder, a cour-
 ageous Dutch journalist, Europe
 was set aflame by a set of "con-
 scienceless scoundrels" of certain
 Central European countries,
 namely, Germany and Austria-
 Hungary. At the beginning of
 the war Great Britain, out of her
 small army of some seven or
 eight hundred thousand, de-
 spatched two hundred thousand to
 the assistance of France. The
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GENERAL NEWS.

Foresters with the Colours.
More than 100,000 members of the Ancient Order of Foresters have rallied to the British colours. The Order is the first to undertake to pay the subscriptions of members who join the service.

Dearest Bread.
Mr. F. C. Finch, the secretary of the London Master Bakers' Protection Society states that in view of the increase in the price of flour, the large bread companies have decided that the 4lb. or quarter loaf should be raised to 8s.1d. on and after Monday next. This example, he adds, would be followed by the various local associations, so that the rise in London will be general.

A New War Bomb From Ceylon.
A Colombo paper of November 25 says: A medical man up-country has invented a powerful incendiary war bomb, the formula for which he has forwarded to the ministry of munitions and inventions London, in response to an appeal which appeared in the newspapers from Mr. E. W. Moir, the comptroller. The bomb is one with four compartments with brittle divisions and contains quantities of two powerful acids, alcohol and cotton wool. If its claims are established, it may prove to be of importance. It bursts when shot through a gun or dropped from an air machine, and it is said the explosion is followed by volumes of poisonous and irrefragable fumes and bursts of flame.

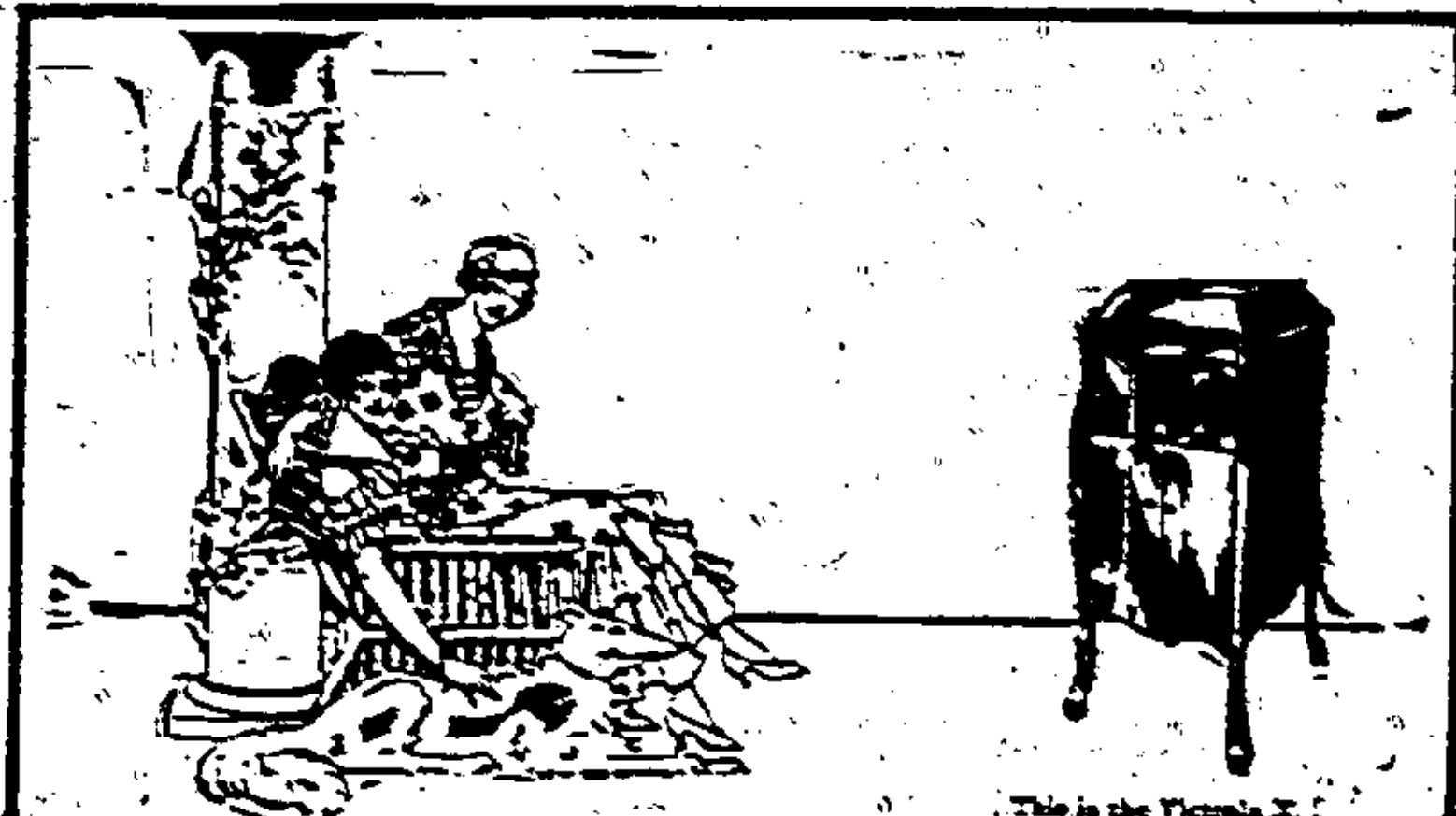
Motives and Blots.
In defence of American neutrality the Postmaster-General at Washington, Mr. Barlow, has placed a prohibition on postcards and envelopes bearing motives or illustrations calculated to arouse ill-feeling. German commercial houses, as well as private citizens, have been sending postcards and envelopes on which "Gott Strafe England" has been printed or stamped with a rubber stamp. On a smaller quantity of mail, received in America, there has been shown the German escutcheon bearing a red blot labelled "Lusitania." The blot that won't come off. Under the new order, postmasters are authorised to hold up any correspondence so marked, as non-mailable, "being not only unneutral, but calculated to reflect upon certain classes of persons."

Death of Well-known American Actress.
New York, November 1.—A message from Cleveland, Ohio, announces the death of the well-known actress, Miss Blanche Walsh. Miss Walsh, who was born in New York City in 1873, made her first appearance on the stage at the age of 15. She appeared with success in various plays before American audiences. Her first foreign tour was to Australia in 1895, when she accompanied Nat Goodwin. The following year she made her debut on the London stage, appearing as Edith Varney in "Secret Service" with Mr. W. H. Gillette. On her return to America she was so successful that she became a "star" at the Broadway Theatre. She afterwards toured America in various plays.

Coolies for Samoa.
The question of a sufficient labour supply for Samoa, says the American Consul at Apia, has been brought nearer a solution in the last four years, though it cannot be said that it has been solved. From Chinese authorities the Samoan planters have secured the permission to introduce a maximum number of 4,000 Chinese coolies, with the understanding that the number may be increased later, if necessary. The number of Chinese in the Colony was 1,540 on January 1, 1913, and 2,983 on January 1, 1914. For the immediate future the supply of labour is sufficient. In consideration of the concession, however, wages had to be increased 33 1/3 per cent., and the Chinese workmen were accorded the same protection of the law that the whites enjoyed. The planters hope for the introduction of coolies from Java, whose competition might check the alleged "exaggerated demands" of the Chinese.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Hongkong Will Sympathise.
The Straits Times remarks:—Pillaging from the godowns of the Singapore Harbour Board is a nuisance which the police are continually combating and, generally speaking, when offences are proved the culprits are dealt with in a manner calculated to make others think twice before they run the risk of similar punishment. But the pillaging goes on and coolies caught indulging appear from time to time in the police courts.

F. M. S. Journalist goes Home.
Mr. J. C. Pearce, who has been sub-editor of the Times of Malaya for the past three years, has left Penang on route for home via India, taking with him the good wishes of all who were professionally and socially associated with him. On the eve of his departure he was presented by the employees of the Times of Malaya Press, Ltd., with an illuminated address and a gold wristlet watch as a token of esteem and goodwill.

Explorer's Widow Married Again.
Friends of Mrs. Archibald Ross Colquhoun, who accompanied her late husband on his last tour through the Far East and assisted him as collaborator and illustrator, and has since acted as joint editor of United Empire, along with Sir Harry Wilson, has again married. Her name against an article in the latest number of that magazine, on "The Balkan States and the War" appears as Eubal Colquhoun (Mrs. Tawse Jollie). She now resides, and proceeds to her new home in Southern Rhodesia.

Singapore Mortality Returns.
The rate of mortality in the Settlement of Singapore for the week ended December 4 was 28.25 per mille of the population. The total number of deaths was 184, of which 138 were male subjects and 46 female. Convulsions claimed 19, phthisis 28 and malaria fever 20. The highest number of adult deaths, 34, took place between the ages of 25 and 35. The deaths under three months numbered 32 and between that age and one year 19. One European died, 4 Eurasians, 150 Chinese, 19 Malays and 10 Indians.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Chinese Post Office.
The Chinese Post Office now handles yearly over 4,000,000 parcels, weighing 30,000,000lb.

Leaving for Home.
Mr. Gilbert L. Stratton, of the Peking Consolidated Co., Ltd., leaves for England by the Sardinia, to undergo training for the front.

Ministering Children's League at Penang.
The Ministering Children's League bazaar at Penang realised \$3,000, which will be devoted towards the purchase of a motor ambulance.

In Memory of Lord Wolseley.
The monument to Lord Wolseley, to be erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is in pure white marble, with the colours of the Royal Irish Regiment modelled in bronze, and surmounted by a life-size portrait bust.

Indian Relief Fund.
Bombay Nov. 10.—The Honorary Secretaries, Imperial Indian Relief Fund, Bombay Branch, state that subscriptions received towards the fund now amount to Rs. 39,31,913-10-9. The amount previously acknowledged was Rs. 39,17,921-3-8.

Manchester Coroner's Death.
Mr. Ernest Augustine Gibson, coroner of Manchester since 1903, and a native of Liverpool, died on November 3 in London. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, a barrister of the Northern Circuit, and a Bachelor of Medicine. He was one of the founders of the Volunteer Motor Association, formed with the object of assisting wounded soldiers to recuperate.

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DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—On December 17, at Kowloon, Robert Clare Atkinson, aged eight days.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1915.

THE BEGGING NOISANCE.

The case which came before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday, in which it was revealed that a mendicant had been shamming that he was minus half of an arm, and, no doubt, had traded largely on the pity of an old question. In this instance it was stated that the defendant had been sent out of the Colony on previous occasions but had not time in returning. He was fined three dollars, with the alternative of a week in goal, and we do not doubt that he will, with the conditions as they now are, soon be seen about the streets again. With individual cases, however, we are not concerned so much as with the general public nuisance which is caused by the presence of these professional beggars in our midst.

At first sight, the natural inclination of the police is to lay the blame on the prevalence and extent of the nuisance is to lay the blame on the Police. But that is doing a distinct injustice to the Force, the members of which have of late been doing admirable work in attempting to free the Colony of these pests. We are given to understand that since March 17 last a system of weekly raids has been in operation, being carried out by a European constable and several Chinese constables who go out in plain clothes and arrest all the beggars they can lay hands on. As a consequence, since the date named, over 300 mendicants have been arrested, and, adding the ordinary arrests to this total, over 500 such individuals have passed through the hands of the Police. Every endeavour, in fact, is made by the Police authorities to keep the Central part of the Colony free of beggars; that is shown by the fact that last year only about 180 beggars were caught, or, roughly speaking, one-third of the total for the past nine months.

But, with the law as it is to-day, all this would seem to be so much wasted energy. Under existing conditions, there is no power in the case of lame or crippled beggars to send them to goal, and thus all that the Police can do is to send them out of the Colony. This is regularly done, but no sooner are these pests sent away than they reappear on our shores again, only for the process to be repeated. In the case of the able-bodied, imprisonment can be imposed, but the sentences are invariably so light that no notice whatever is taken of the temporary incarceration. Of course, there is another standpoint from which this evil may be considered, and that is that these members of the begging fraternity are greatly encouraged by the public, for, if there were no givers, there would be no beggars. We are dealing, of course, with the purely professional class of beggars. There are then two points which emerge from a consideration of this question—firstly, that the existing law is sadly inadequate for dealing with the problem and needs radical revision; secondly, that the public should do its part by refusing to "dole out" "coppers" to these individuals. Until these desirable ends are attained the Police, who are to be sympathized with in the matter, will continue to find that, do what they may, all their time

Kowloon Club Matters.

After a full discussion of the three schemes submitted to them for improving the sporting facilities which the Club controls, the members of the Kowloon Cricket Club have very wisely decided upon that which involves the least expenditure. The new scheme will, when it is put into effect, very materially increase the popularity of the Club, especially since it will permit the tennis members to have their game on a lawn when a cricket match is in progress. It would, of course, have been even better still if either of the more elaborate proposals could have been adopted, but the meeting kept the financial position always in mind, and, in view of further possible developments in the future, it was thought the wiser plan to conserve the Club funds. In fact, there has long been a feeling across the harbour that Kowloon should have its own social Club, something on the lines of the Hongking Club, and if the idea ever comes to anything we should say that it might easily be developed from the existing Kowloon Cricket Club. Kowloon's European population is growing in size every month, and, for that reason alone, the natural inclination for residents of the Peninsula is to gather together in closer social intercourse. Besides, it would be a distinct convenience for Kowloon residents to be able to drop into a Club without needing to cross the harbour. The Peak has its Club. Then why should not Kowloon also? We don't know whether considerations of this kind influenced the K.C.C. members in coming to the decision to embark on the least expensive of the three schemes, but the question—it is a big one—deserves to be kept prominent in mind.

Lord Alverstone.
The death of Lord Alverstone, at the age of 72 years, has removed a great man, and the news of his demise will be read with regret in legal circles in all parts of the world. For a period of thirteen years he filled with dignity and distinction the high office of Lord Chief Justice and his retirement just over two years ago was so complicated by general expressions of regret. The late Lord Alverstone was, as Sir Richard Webster, three Attorney General, and was at that time universally regarded as one of the most prominent leaders of the Bar. It may be recalled that he was chief counsel for the Times before the Parnell Commission. Apart from his legal activities, he made a considerable name for himself in political circles, while in his early days at Cambridge he was noted as a runner. All his life he has been a keen sportsman, taking an especially deep interest in cricket, and for very many years he was President of the Surrey Cricket Club.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday morning, Lance Sergeant Wadawa Singh charged Leung Ming, barber, 3 Holland Street, with unlawfully being on board the s.s. Sava Mara, without the permission of the master or officer in charge thereof, on the 15th inst. Defendant was sent to goal for 10 days' hard labour in default of paying a fine of \$10.
Sergeant A. Fothergill (Reserve) charged Wong Ming, boat-mistress, with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 14th inst. The case was dismissed with a caution.
Lance Sergeant A. J. Moody charged the masters of steam launches Maik and Cheung Wing with unlawfully being under way in the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 15th inst. Defendants were dismissed with a caution.

P. C. Edward Wills charged three boat-people with unlawfully being on the outside boats of more than five other boats lying alongside the s.s. Manspuri on the 15th inst. The second defendant was fined \$15, while the others were fined \$5 each.
Lo Tai boatwoman was charged before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, with unlawfully failing to remove the licence of her boat in the Harbour on the 10th inst. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.

DAY BY DAY.

MAN MAKES A DEATH WHICH NATURE NEVER MADE.—YOUNG

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 53; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60; fine.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Closes tomorrow per s.s. Lachow 5 p.m.
Siberian Mail.—Due to-day per s.s. Yungchow.
European Mail.—Due to-day per s.s. Athos.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

Up to the Minute.
Closing Prices:—
Index—\$161, sales and buyers.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 53rd anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the United States.

Departed.
Mr. G. R. Sayer was among the passengers who departed by the Home-going steamer Kamo Mara yesterday.

Chinese Woman's Suicide.
A Chinese woman, 18 years of age, of Chi Hing committed suicide on Wednesday by cutting her throat with a razor.

Valuable Silk Stolen.
It has been reported to the Police, by the occupier of 24, Mercer Street, that he entrusted a cask with two rolls of silk, valued at \$1,224, with which the cask has absconded.

Christmas Toys.
It will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere that to-morrow, at 2.30 p.m., Messrs. Hughes and Hough are selling by auction a large and varied assortment of Christmas toys. This gives parents an excellent opportunity of making some cheap purchases.

Amah Robbed.
An amah, employed at 84, The Peak, reports to the police that she had just got out at Bowen Road tramway station, and was proceeding to the gardener's quarters when she was seized by a man who took away her gold ear-rings and gold finger rings, valued at \$20.

Shipping Dates Altered.
The Java-Pacific Line advises us of the following alterations in their time-table, the information arriving too late for correction of their advertisement:—Expected Arakan, January 5; Karimoon, March 9; Departures—Tjuidan, February 11; Karimoon, March 13; Tjikembang, April 11.

A Fatal Collision.
A collision, which resulted in the drowning of a girl aged 13, took place in the typhoon refuge at Shauiwan on Wednesday. It has been reported by the mistress of a licensed boat that a launch ran into several boats, capsizing her boat. Her daughter was thrown out, and drowned. The body has not yet been recovered.

Run Under Strength.
Before Mr. J. B. Wood this morning, a Chinese shopkeeper named Ty Sing, of 108, Queen's Road Central, was charged with selling run not up to the standard required. It transpired that the run sold was of .63 standard, whereas it was required to be .60. Defendant, who stated that he only had the one bottle in the shop and was selling no other run, was fined \$5.

Theft of Government Opium.
A Chinese was charged by Inspector Gordon this morning with stealing five tins of opium, the property of the Government. Mr. Hasland sentenced the man to two months' hard labour. It was stated by Sergeant Sutton that the defendant was one of four coolies engaged to carry opium from the Water Police Station to a patrol launch. He was seen to put a tin containing five tins of opium into his pocket.

The Taiwan Conspiracy.
The Japanese Home Office is in receipt of a message from the Taiwan Government to the effect that the execution of the moon implicated in the late conspiracy has been brought to a conclusion. In all 267 rebels have been sentenced to death; 18 to fifteen years' penal servitude; 63 to twelve years' penal servitude; 272 to nine years' penal servitude; and 65 were found "not guilty."

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

WHAT ABOUT EGYPT.

Viscount French.

Except among those civilians who look upon themselves as fully competent to take Sir John French's job—and there are many such in Hongkong and elsewhere—the Field Marshal's retirement from the scene of action will cause very wide regret. At the same time he will have the full sympathy of all fair-minded people. He has worked for sixteen months without a break, and the nature of his labours has been such that we outsiders can but faintly conceive of it. And do we always realize that he is a man turned sixty-three years of age and that, after more than forty years' soldiering, he may be entitled to at least an occasional rest? As commander-in-Chief at Home he will inspire more confidence in those who are obliged to remain in England than any other man could, but most of us will be prepared to hear, at any time, that he has again been asked to return to France to take up his former work. Meanwhile we all wish the best of luck to his successor.

Germany's Varied Tactics.
We once heard it said that the special genius of the Chinese lies in making other Chinese work. In much the same manner, the Germans it might be said that where they most shine is in stirring up the spirit of fighting and unrest—not, it is true, in other Germans but in other nations. They have worked Austria almost literally to death and have been pursuing the same generous policy with Turkey; they have dragged Bulgaria into the scrimmage to such substantial effect that she will soon have no army to call her own, and, in their off-time, they have devoted much energy to a would-be mischief-making campaign among the Arabs, Persians, Indians, Chinese, etc. Any spare time that remained has been given up to attempts at cajoling Greece, Roumania, Switzerland, Holland and the Scandinavian countries, to the direst kind of plotting in the United States and Mexico, and to laughable efforts at "converting" the Irish. Altogether a very respectable record for a refined and cultivated nation. Germany has been telling us that she is a naval and military Power, but we are as much at sea as ever as to where all that comes in. In making others fight she has succeeded admirably, but beyond her oft-mentioned submarine exploits and her breaking butter-fines on the wheel in Belgium and calling it bravery, we have seen nothing of her own battling yet. Is she ever going to put up a real fight of her own? What about Egypt, for instance?

Egyptian Rumours.
Everyone, of course, knows that, for many years, Germany has dreamt of a big eastern movement—everyone, that is, except the British, who always trusted her sublimely, being too busy snuffing Russia to have time or energy to enquire into the mad Kaiser's ambitions. Late in the day though it is, it would be silly to regard the idea of a German move against Egypt as nothing but a scare. The insistent dragging-in of Turkey showed, or should have shown, that our enemy had very definite designs in that direction. If only they could be pulled off, Germany has worked the soul (if she ever had a soul) out of her body to keep the pot boiling against the Persians and Arabs; in fact, if possible, to stir up the whole of Islam against Britain. Any other nation would have been discouraged and absolutely choked off by the repeated proofs of loyalty to the Empire which the Mohammedans have given; but a thick-headed race like the Germans would naturally go on to the end, being so blind faith in their own invincibility in the long line. The Balkan fighting and the fall in Russian affairs have enabled Germany to make some attempt at collecting herself for her long anticipated attempt in the East, and it would not surprise us to learn that there was a substratum of truth in the von Mackensen story.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 17, 1914.

German Warships in North Sea.
The Admiralty announces that German movements of some importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea. Scarborough and Harlepool have been shelled. Our flotillas have been engaged at various points. The situation is developing.

Scarborough Bombarded.

A message from Scarborough reports that four German cruisers bombarded the town in the morning. The shelling of Scarborough began at eight in the morning. People rushed into houses. There was considerable excitement. Some entrained for Hull. These people declare much damage has been done to property by the bombardment, which was very heavy. An engine driver described the shells as falling thickly around. Fog prevailed and it appears that a German cruiser was lying off Castle Cliff. The roof of St. Martin's Church was struck and a great hole was made in another church. Some women and children were running in nightclothes. Several houses had their roofs blown off by shells. About fifty shells were fired.

Soldiers and Civilians Killed.

It is officially stated that seven soldiers have been killed and fourteen wounded—and twenty-two civilians and fifty wounded—at Harlepool. There have been thirteen casualties at Scarborough and four at Whitby. There has been no panic anywhere.

German Vessels Blown Up.

The Evening Standard states that the captain of a ketch, off Saltburn saw the British squadron engage three German ships. One of these was blown up, another bolted, and the third was last seen engaged.

Servants Take 60,000 Prisoners.
The Servants have taken prisoners totalling 60,000.

West Hartlepool Fortress Drives Enemy Off.

The War Office announces that the commander of the fortress at West Hartlepool reports that German warships engaged the fortress between eight and nine o'clock and the enemy was driven off. A small German warship also opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby.

The Official Story.

A German cruiser force made a demonstration on the Yorkshire coast in the course of which they shelled West Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough. A number of their fastest ships were employed. They remained about an hour off the coast. They were engaged by patrol vessels on the spot. As soon as the presence of the enemy was reported, the British patrolling squadron endeavoured to cut them off. On sighting the British, the Germans returned at full speed, and, favoured by the mist, succeeded in escaping. The losses on both sides were small, but full reports have not yet been received.—The Admiralty points out that such a demonstration, though it may be a certain amount of risk is accepted, is devoid of military significance. It may cause some loss of civilians and some damage of property, which is much to be regretted, but it must not in any circumstances be allowed to modify the general naval policy which is being pursued.

Finding of the Court of Enquiry re H.M.S. Bulwark.

The Court of Enquiry into the loss of H.M.S. Bulwark finds that the explosion was due to the accidental ignition of ammunition on board the ship. There is no evidence to support the suggestion that the loss of the ship was due either to carelessness on board or to an act of the enemy.

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The extraordinary general meeting of this Company held recently in Shanghai may certainly be termed "extraordinary" in the popular sense of the word.

Although the majority of the members may be alien enemies, the Company itself is a British Company incorporated and registered as such in the British Colony of Hongkong. It is therefore subject to British laws, and its property as a whole must be considered to be British.

The extraordinary proposal now is that the property of this British Company shall be sold and transferred to an alien enemy Company, to be incorporated under the laws of an alien enemy country!

In order to carry out this proposal a meeting was convened (by whom we do not know), at which, with one exception apparently, only alien enemy shareholders attended, all of whom voted in favour of resolutions to wind up the Company, to appoint an alien enemy liquidator, and to authorise such liquidator to sell the undertaking and assets of the Company to another, an alien, Company. Doubtless the one dissentient was of neutral nationality, for no British subject could have been permitted to attend, and to engage in intercourse, and commercial transactions, with alien enemies.

This Company being subject to British laws, one of such now being that "during a state of war an alien enemy is not entitled to exercise a right of voting in respect of shares in an English trading Company" (Robson v. Premier Oil & Pipe Line Co. Ltd. (1915) 2 Ch. 124), the resolutions passed at the meeting were utterly invalid, they having been passed by means of the vote of alien enemies.

What has taken place would doubtless entitle shareholders other than those of alien enemy nationality to apply to the Supreme Court of Hongkong for an order to wind up the Company compulsorily; and to appoint a liquidator who is not an alien enemy; who could sell the property of the Company either to other British subjects or to neutrals, but not to alien enemies. As regards the proceeds of such a sale, no part of these could be paid over to alien enemy shareholders until the end of the war.

But it is hopelessly impossible for the scheme proposed at the recent meeting to be carried out. No title could be given to the property of the Company by the German liquidator purported to have been appointed, and the invalid resolutions passed cannot be accepted, and registered here, by the Registrar of Companies.

Why these alien enemy shareholders have taken the trouble to hold the abortive meeting, and so to vainly endeavour to conform with the British laws under which the Company was incorporated, it is difficult to conceive. It would have been just as effective had they acted without these formalities, and had simply piratically taken possession of the property of this British Company, and refused to give it up. Whether the British and neutral shareholders (if there be any) will remain quiescent, and will be content to wait until the time arrives when they can, without trouble, demand an account from those now responsible for the illegal acts intended to be committed, remains to be seen. It may suit them to wait, or it may suit the British Authorities that they should do so. With that we are not concerned.

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Inspector Widdin charged a Chinese, before Mr. Hasland this morning, with exporting 13 tins of Government opium.

Defendant said he did not know it was opium, and he was asked to carry it to Kowloon.

Inspector Widdin said the defendant told him that it was Government opium, and also told him the correct weight.

A fine of \$1,000, or three months' hard labour, was imposed.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE NEW HARBOUR OF
REFUGE

Memorial Stone Laid.

His Excellency's Tribute to
Chinese Workers.

In his speech after he had laid the memorial stone in connection with the New Harbour of Refuge at Mongkok-ai yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Governor spoke in the highest terms of Chinese workers and their efficiency. He especially paid a tribute to the fine piece of work which the Chinese contractors had executed under the supervision of European engineers. The ceremony was witnessed by a fairly large crowd of spectators, many of whom were conveyed across the Harbour in private launches. They included the following:—
Lady May, Miss May, the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. Claud Severn), the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp), the Hon. Sir Paul Coster, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. E. R. Milford, the Hon. Mr. E. Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, the Hon. Mr. E. Shelling, Hon. Mr. P. H. Helyar, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yek, Hon. Mr. Liu Chi Pak, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N. (Harbour Master), Messrs. P. L. Perkins, D. J. H. J., J. Duncan, E. W. James, M. and Mrs. H. R. Ross, Ho Kom Tong, Lo Cheung Shin, Chan Jui Ki, Tong Lai Cheun, Tong Yai Chuen, Lai Yui Tong, Leung Hang Shun, Chin Wan, Kwan Fok Ng, and Lo Tit Hing.

Mr. Chatham's Speech.
In his address, the Hon. Director of Public Works said:—We are assembled here to-day to mark the completion of one of the largest and most important public works ever undertaken in this Colony.

Hitherto, the only place of secure refuge for small craft during the fierce storms which periodically sweep across our harbour has been Causeway Bay, which was protected by a breakwater in 1833. The area enclosed by that breakwater is 57 acres, the greater part of which is, however, dry, or practically so, at extreme low water. The cost of the work was \$96,500.

As the time passed by, it became obvious that the requirements of the Port had outgrown the accommodation available. Unless sampans and junks set sail for Causeway Bay as soon as the approach of a storm was heralded, they were unlikely to gain admission, whilst their early withdrawal, coupled with the fact that they were obliged to remain in shelter until all signs of the storm had disappeared, gave rise to complaints by the shipping firms that their operations in loading and unloading vessels were unduly interfered with.

Attention was called to the matter in December, 1903, when Mr. Gershom Stewart, M.P., who was then a member of the Legislative Council, brought before Council the following resolution:—"That, in the opinion of the Council, it is advisable to increase if possible the means of shelter for cargo boats and sampans during the typhoon season." His resolution was passed unanimously, the Acting Colonial Secretary stating that the Government were fully aware of the need for such additional accommodation and that only lack of funds had prevented steps being taken towards providing it. The demands made upon the revenues of the Colony by other public works of pressing importance— notably waterworks—were so great that it was not until 1908 that provision could be made for commencing the work.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.G. R.
WAR DEPARTMENT
CONTRACTS.

Sealed Tenders for Forage will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until Noon on Monday, 17th January, 1916.

Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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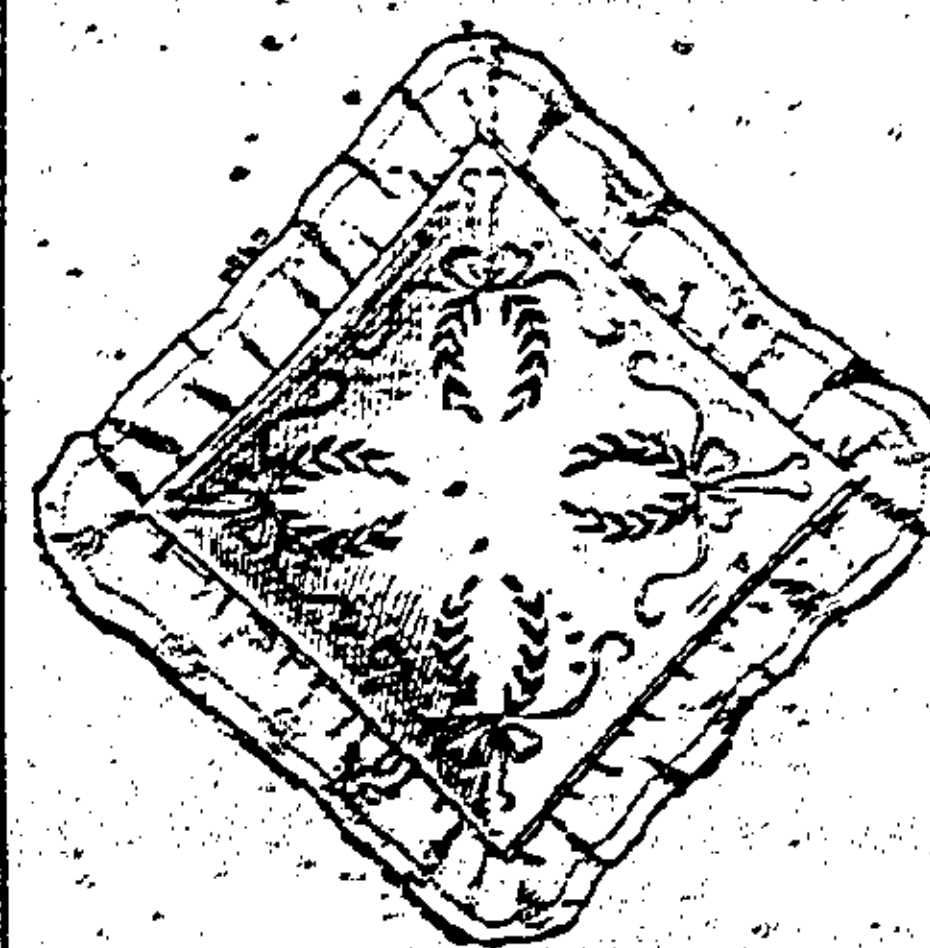
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San Francisco	Aratan	J. C. J. L.	9, Jan.
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 The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO MARU will sail on the 30th Nov. at noon—This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Thursday the 16th February 1916 at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Oriental African Line steamer SALAMIS sailed from Singapore on the 14th inst. and is expected to arrive here on Monday the 20th inst. at 4 p.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. at 12 a.m., due to arrive Vancouver on the 22nd December.
 The C. P. R. s.s. MONTEAGLE arrived Moji on Thursday the 16th Dec. at 9 a.m. left Moji on Friday the 17th Dec. at 3 a.m. due to arrive Kobe on Friday the 17th Dec. at 11 p.m.

ENGLISH MAIL.

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Fung Kung, Br. s.s. 3,085. J. Mason, 9th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—China.	
Manapouri, Br. s.s. 1,233. Wm. Stalker, 12th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—Order.	
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Kashing, Br. s.s. 1,143. Began, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—Order.	
Tacoma, Br. s.s. 1,352. Stewart, 15th Dec.—Haiphong, 13th Dec. Gen.—S. & Co.	
Hupei, Br. s.s. 1,205. J. A. J. Scott, 14th Dec.—Swatow, 13th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	
Keijo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,115. Imaidgumi, 14th Dec.—Hoihow, 13th Dec. Gen.—Order.	
Masuda, Br. s.s. 3,197. A. Wynd, 14th Dec.—New York & London, 15th Dec. Gen.—S. O. Co.	
Loisang, Br. s.s. 977. D. W. Ritchie, 15th Dec.—Haiphong, 13th Dec. Rice—J. M. & Co.	
Standard, Am. s.s. 594. Johansen, 15th Dec.—Singapore, 10th Dec. Gen.—Order.	
Varg, Norw. s.s. 723. J. Johsen, 15th Dec.—Touane, 4th Dec. T. & Co.	
Childan, Norw. s.s. 1,102. Nilsen, 15th Dec.—Hoihow, 13th Dec. Rice—Chinese.	
Glenlogan, Br. s.s. 2,393. McGhie, 15th Dec.—Singapore, 10th Dec. General—Order.	
Agga, Norw. 588. N. Fehr, 15th Dec.—Bangkok, Gen.—Chinese.	
Phranang, Br. s.s. 1,122. T. B. Col, 16th Dec.—Bangkok, 10th Dec. Rice—Chinese.	
Kanchow, Br. s.s. 1,232. B. Lewis, 16th Dec.—Bangkok, 6th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	
Telemaque, Br. s.s. 1,340. A. Fraser, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 7th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.	
Haimm, Br. s.s. 641. Stewart, 15th Dec.—Swatow, 14th Dec. Gen.—D. L. & Co.	

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
G. L. & Co.	Empire	4,493	Dec. 18	Australia
P. & O.	Novara	12,700	Dec. 18	London
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R. L. Ltd.	Salamis		Dec. 20	Singapore
S. T. & Co.	Glenlogan		Dec. 21	London
B. & S.	Hyson	6,638	Dec. 23	Liverpool
J. C. J. L.	Tjikembang	4,543	Dec. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kaga Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tjisondari		Dec. 26	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	16,000	Dec. 27	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 29	Tokyo
P. & O.	Atsuta Maru		Dec. 29	Yokohama
B. & S.	Helenus	7,533	Dec. 31	London
S. T. & Co.	Kathlamba	4,104	1st Dec.	New York
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	3,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	3,277	Jan. 2	Yokohama
B. & S.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Fersia Maru	9,000	Jan. 9	Australia
P. & O.	Monvara		Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Hirachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	London
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Australia
T. K. K.	Atsuta Maru	9,601	Jan. 13	Yokohama
P. & O.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	Yokohama
B. & S.	Sardinia	6,741	Jan. 15	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Changsha	2,263	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidzuka Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
P. & O.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashima		Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Alidham	3,808	Jan. 28	Australia
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	London
P. & O.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
J. C. J. L.	Tjisondari		Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Tenryo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sarania		Feb. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seaside
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1915

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI ARMS CASE.

FOREIGNERS SAID TO BE IMPLICATED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, December 17.
Another arms case is pending, and, from the names given, foreigners are alleged to be implicated. The accused have been handed over to the Mixed Court.

A LIFE SENTENCE.

U. S. ARMY DESERTER PUNISHED.

Shanghai, December 17.
An American Army deserter has been sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a Chinese policeman in Chihli.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total to 16th inst.	Daily average
	152	150	138	151	150	138	146	149	147	146	154	152	151	168	143	143	2,383	148.93

CENSORSHIP FOLLIES.

Plain Words From the French Press.

Paris, Oct. 21. The *Journal des Debats* expresses the pretty general feeling here that what is complained of is not so much the errors committed as the ignorance in which the public is left by the methodical silence imposed by the Censorship in regard to events known to the rest of Europe.

It continues:—
The British Censor, indeed, seems to have handled the sciences with as much vigour and as little discernment as our own. In England, as in France, people are severe upon the official system by which events, of which newspapers are not allowed to speak, are supposed not to exist. It was just as silly to conceal the news of M. Venet's resignation for a day in London as it was to suppress information of the Bulgarian mobilization for three days in Paris.

The London Correspondent of the *Journal des Debats*, writing upon this subject, says:—

The British are growing impatient of being treated like children by an unintelligent Censorship and by Government departments whose communications display more imagination than regard for truth, as well as a touching but excessive confidence in public credulity. It is dangerous at all times when a feeling of mistrust exists between a nation and its Government. In the circumstances of today this state of affairs may assume the proportions of a calamity. Public opinion wants no more Parliamentary subtleties.

This statement of the British attitude towards the policy of silence is equally true of the French attitude, and Parliamentary action is being undertaken with a view to putting an end to the present abuses of the French Censorship.—*Times*.

THE NEW HARBOUR OF REFUGE.

(Continued from page 5.)

Meanwhile, the selection of a site for the new Harbour of Refuge—a matter in which Sir Matthew Nathan took a very keen interest—had been under discussion, the sites considered, in addition to the one finally adopted, being Cheungshawan, Stonecutters Island, Kallet's Bank and Kennedy Town. The last-mentioned site was strongly recommended by the Harbour Master (Commander Basil Taylor, R.N.), but it possessed the disadvantages of being very restricted in area and very expensive to construct. Finally, on the 4th January, 1908, the Public Works Committee, to whom the question had been referred, agreed, unanimously, to recommend that the Mongkok site, where we now stand, be adopted.

As soon as the site had been settled upon, the necessary preliminary plans and estimates were prepared and, on the 7th March, 1908, a despatch, submitting the scheme for approval, was forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by Sir Frederick Lugard, a reply by cable being asked for. The scheme was referred by the Secretary of State to Messrs. Coode, Son and Matthews, Consulting Engineers for colonial projects of such a nature, and, on the 15th July, 1908, a telegram was received stating that the Consulting Engineers, whilst approving generally of the proposals, considered some modifications in the design necessary and thought them of sufficient importance to justify a consultation with the officer who had prepared the scheme. After further telegraphic correspondence, the late Mr. Boulton, who had designed the work, left for London on the 15th August, returning on the 9th November.

Without waiting for the final adjustment of all questions, the dredging of a large trench in order to form a foundation for the breakwater was begun on the 2nd September, 1908. Dredging operations lasted until the end of January, 1910.

The necessary modifications in the design, resulting from the conference of Mr. Boulton with the Consulting Engineers, were made and, as the final approval of the Secretary of State, including the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, was received on the 28th January, 1909, the preparation of the detailed drawings and other documents required in connection with the construction of the breakwater and outlying works was proceeded with, an ordinance authorizing the construction of such works being passed by the Legislative Council in November, 1909. The unfortunate illness of Mr. Boulton, which ended in his retirement from the Service and ultimately in his death, delayed matters considerably, as did also certain negotiations with the lessees of Kowloon Marine Lot 32, with whom it was considered advisable to effect a settlement before the contract was let.

On the departure of Mr. Boulton from the Colony in April, 1910, the works were placed under the charge of Mr. Jaffe and, in June of that year, tenders were called for. As the project was one of very considerable magnitude and several English firms had expressed a wish to tender for its execution, arrangements were made to enable them to do so and consequently it was not until the 27th October, 1910, that a contract was entered into with Messrs. Him Tai, whose tender was the lowest.

Though grave doubts were expressed by some as to the wisdom of entrusting a contract of such magnitude to a firm of local con-

tractors, the action taken has been amply justified. Not only has the work been completed within the contract time (5 years), but, in point of excellence and finish, it will bear comparison with any work of a similar kind anywhere. It reflects the greatest credit upon Mr. Jaffe and his assistant, Mr. Duncan, who have supervised it from start to finish and also upon the contractors, Messrs. Him Tai, who have displayed a praiseworthy readiness to give effect to suggestions made to them for the efficient execution of the work. If further reason for eulogy is required, it will be found in the fact that the cost of the work has not exceeded the contract amount.

I will not weary you with figures, but it may interest you to know that the breakwater upon which we stand consists of a mass of stone, 3,325 feet, or 4½ of a mile in length, 192 feet in width at the base and 44 feet in height. When we reflect that the whole of this enormous mass of stone (about 850,000 tons), has been conveyed to the site, junk-loaded by junk-loads, and carefully deposited according to its size in the various sub-sections of the breakwater, the amount of organization required may be to some extent realized. The area of water enclosed by the breakwater is 169 acres and the cost of the work has been approximately \$2,200,000, or, roughly, \$200,000.

Though no storm has as yet occurred to test the efficiency of the new Harbour of Refuge, it may safely be predicted that it will fulfil its purpose by affording a safe place of shelter for the thousands of small craft which ply our waters. The ample area enclosed should moreover render it unnecessary for such craft to seek instant shelter and should enable their owners to carry on their trade so long as moderate weather continues in full confidence that they can obtain shelter whenever the necessity arises.

It is fitting that Your Excellency should perform the ceremony of laying this memorial stone as it was during Your Excellency's term of office as Officer Administering the Government, in 1910, that the contract with Messrs. Him Tai was entered into.

I now ask you, Sir, to lay this stone and for this purpose I have to hand you this trowel, mallet and spirit-level, which are the gift of the contractors, Messrs. Him Tai.—(Applause.)

His Excellency's Address.

After His Excellency had followed the usual procedure of declaring the stone "well and truly laid" he said:—

The only regret I have this afternoon is that the late Mr. C. Boulton is not here to-day. Mr. Boulton was an extraordinarily efficient man, and this Colony owes a great deal to him especially for this splendid breakwater. I wish he were here to see the result of the work which he designed with such capacity and skill. The Hon. Mr. Chatham has referred, and rightly so, to the good work done by Mr. Jaffe, who carried out the work with the assistance of Mr. Duncan. He had no opportunity of saying anything about himself, so I will remind you that the details for the construction of the breakwater and the actual construction itself were carried out under the supervision of the Hon. Director of Public Works.

I also owe to him gratitude for his sound advice when the difficult question of accepting tenders for this mighty work was under consideration. The lowest tender of a European firm was just a trifle of \$1,000,000 over the tender which we accepted, so you may thank Mr. Chatham that in following his advice we saved the Colony a nice little sum of about \$100,000. (Applause.) I have always had—and I suppose everybody who has had anything to do with them, also has—the greatest confidence in the

efficiency of junkmen. This mighty breakwater, within 850,000 tons of stone, is a lasting memorial to the Chinese contractor, his junkmen, and his coolies. Long live the Chinese coolies! (Laughter and applause.) This particular contractor has never been trained as an engineer, but during the course of the work he made some extraordinarily practical suggestions for the expediting of it, and these suggestions were so good that Mr. Chatham and Mr. Jaffe adopted them, and they were extremely beneficial, especially in the saving of time. There is another little thing I would like to remind you about his work, and that is that in removing stone which was collected on the island and on the shores of the mainland he had no more modern appliances than two steam crane barges. He had four barges with handcranes, and the rest of the plant consisted of the most ramshackle set of junks I have ever seen anywhere. (Laughter.) He brought them up in Canton, Macao, and elsewhere, like a very wise man, as cheaply as possible. These junks were fitted with derricks made of not very solid-looking timber, and fitted with ropes, which, he had a strong suspicion, were bought at an auction at the Naval Yard when condemned stores are offered to the public. (Laughter.) No-one looking at the very primitive appliances that we have used would think that the work could possibly be done in the time, and certainly that it would lead to a very considerable loss of life. I have watched the work and watched the reports of accidents, and during the five years that this work has been under construction there has not been one single accident either to a junk, or to a party of men, or to the solid stone on which we stand. There was only one life lost during the whole of the period, and that was through an accident to an old woman, who was killed by a splinter of stone during blasting operations on one of the islands where stone was being collected. That is, I think, a wonderful record for a work of this magnitude.—(Applause.)

It was very interesting to consider how these stones were handled, said His Excellency. The two steam crane barges were moved out to some of the islands or adjacent shores for the purpose of dealing with the heaviest stones, only 5-ton stones, of which there were many in this work. The cranes would lift as many of these 5-ton stones as were within their radius, and deposit them on to the junks, on which they were brought to Mongkok, and lowered by the derricks of these junks into the water. When the 5-ton stones were not within reach of the crane the junkmen would get hold of a long chain from the crane and the stone would be dragged down to the beach, placed on board a flat-bottomed sampan, and towed to a junk. When they came to land the legend on the stone he (the Governor) considered they should have a Chinese inscription as well. It was suggested to him by H.M.'s Consul-General in Canton that the Civil Governor of the Province was an extremely erudite Chinese scholar. So he (the Governor) wrote to His Excellency Chen Ming Chi and asked him to write an inscription for this memorial stone. He undertook it with great good nature. The words are "Kwong Lan Po Cheung," which mean "A Balaam from the raging waves." They might like to know where these words came from. The first two characters, "Kwong Lan," mean "raging waves," and are quoted from "Holding back the raging waves that have rolled forward" in the T'ang Huk Kai by Bon Yu (A.D. 769-824), of the T'ang Dynasty. The other words, "Po Cheung," mean "bulwark," and are quoted from "The City Shing

THE BIG OPIUM CASE.

The big opium case was concluded to-day at the Police Court. All three defendants were discharged.

A full account of to-day's proceedings will appear in a later edition.

MESSRS. SETNA'S REPORT.

Messrs. S. D. Setna & Co. in their report dated December 15 state:—

Cotton.—Market ruled steady and sales are reported of about 100 bales at \$28 per picul. The unsold stock is estimated at about 450 bales.

Yarn.—The ruling quotation of the different chopes of yarn in the market being lesser than those obtainable in Bombay, and the fluctuations in the exchange, experienced coupled with a poor demand from the interior has brought another dull fortnight. Importers are unwilling sellers and hence a business of about 700 bales of No. 10s is reported. Unsold stock is estimated at about 41,000 bales. Sold but uncleared stock is computed at about 21,000 bales.

Sundry Articles.—In imports sales are reported of kismis at \$18 to 35 (per picul), angour at \$24 to 28 (per picul), maverj at \$15 to 17 (per picul), apricots at \$22 to 25 (per picul), chessabole at \$8 to 10 (per picul), gum clibanum at \$10 to 14 (per picul), rhinoceros horns at \$950 (per picul), myrambollams at \$3½ (per picul), Bear stone at \$240 (per catty), musk at \$275 (per catty), and kingfisher feathers at \$22 to 24 (per 100). In exports purchases are reported in green beans at \$4½ to 5 (per picul), white beans at \$5 (per picul), cardamom seeds at \$31 (per picul), casta at \$15½ (per picul), galangal at \$9 (per picul), garlic at \$8½ (per picul), mamsal at \$13 (per picul) seedary at \$19 (per picul), and preserves at \$4½ to 7 (per case).

FOOTBALL.

In the Hongkong League, Division I, on Saturday, on the Club Ground at 4 p.m., the R.G.A. meet the 4th K.S.L.L. the R.G.A. team will be:—Gibson, Caple and Weeks; Gillespie, Smith and Townsend; Shakespeare, Fisher, Lovelock, Swan and Draper.

is the bulwark of the clan of Mang" in a record in "Tao Chan" of the events in the 13th year of Duke Tung of the Lo State (500 B.C.) This magnificent work was the product of European engineering skill backed by Chinese quite unimpaired but with very practical suggestions and the extraordinary efficiency of the Chinese race and it was blessed with an inscription the words of which were written, in one case, by a Chinese who lived 2,500 years ago, and in the other case, by a Chinese who flourished over 1,000 years ago. His Excellency concluded by saying that he believed that the breakwater would add materially to the prosperity of the port. Junks engaged in loading and unloading steamers would be able to work a much longer time when they could fly to the Refuge for protection. He hoped the time would soon come when the prosperity of the port and the increase of the small craft would compel the construction of still another and yet larger refuge. (Loud applause.)

At the call of His Excellency, cheers were given for Messrs. Jaffe and Duncan and "Efficient John Chatham" (the contractor), and the function then terminated.

THE JOCKEY CLUB.

Draw for Subscription Griftins.

In connection with the Hongkong Jockey Club, a draw this morning for twenty-seven Subscription Griftins which had arrived on the s.s. Lachow from Shanghai. The draw took place at the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay, and the following was the result:—

- 1 (black)—Mr. H. A. Smith.
 - 2 (grey)—Mr. Thorne.
 - 3 (brown)—Mr. Pearce and Mr. Esawick.
 - 4 (brown)—Messrs. H. M. H. Nemasee.
 - 5 (white)—Mr. A. V. Apar.
 - 6 (bay)—Hon. Mr. D. Lendale.
 - 7 (bay)—Mr. C. G. Mackie.
 - 8 (brown)—Mr. Henry Humphreys.
 - 9 (chestnut)—Mr. E. Moolar.
 - 10 (bay)—Mr. Morton Smith.
 - 11 (light chestnut)—Dr. G. P. Jordan.
 - 12 (grey)—Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sedgwick.
 - 13 (brown)—Colonel Iles and Captain Casel.
 - 14 (chestnut)—Mr. Paul Kewmer.
 - 15 (grey)—Dr. Forsyth.
 - 16 (white)—Mr. A. M. Soarer.
 - 17 (grey)—Mr. Billiard.
 - 18 (grey)—Mr. D. M. Row.
 - 19 (grey)—Hon. Mr. E. Shellin.
 - 20 (bay)—Mr. H. Morris.
 - 21 (grey)—Mr. B. D. F. Beith.
 - 22 (black)—Sir Paul Carter.
 - 23 (skewbald)—Some members of Section 4. A Company H.K.V.R.
 - 24 (grey)—Mr. R. M. Dyer.
 - 25 (iron grey)—Mr. H. P. White.
 - 26 (grey)—Mr. A. B. Lowe.
 - 27 (bay)—Major Nathan.
- In addition to the above, four ponies arrived for Mr. White and one for Mr. Hart. In all, 32 ponies arrived.

MORE WAR GIFTS.

Further Garments From Hongkong and Swatow.

This week the following garments have been sent Home by the women of Hongkong and Swatow:—

To Miss Douglas, Children's Aid Society, 9, South Moulton Street, London, N.—12 frocks, 2 coats and hats, 1 cap, 6 sweaters, 10 vests, 2 wool petticoats, 4 wool talls, 13 wool bonnets and caps, 3 sets caps and jackets, 1 muff, 8 pairs babies' wool boots, 3 pairs knickers, 1 long white serge coat, 1 nightgown, 2 children's suits, 2 knitted wool vests, 1 pair infants' socks, 1 child's bonnet, 1 flannel jacket, and 2 collars; one parcel to Miss Vivian, The Maurice Hotel, 52, Herbert Street, Hoxton, London, N. containing 3 dresses, 7 blouses, 2 skirts, 1 coat, two parcels for the Dardanelles sent by "Our Little Bit Society," Kowloon, to Colonel Gordon Hall, A.M.C., 19th General Hospital, Alexandria, containing 8 suits; 1 pair jamae, 5 shirts, 1 dozen writing pads, 250 envelopes, 8 tubes tooth-powder, 3 woollen waistcoats, one and a half dozen pairs socks, 6 pairs knee caps, 6 pairs mittens, 6 mufflers, and 8 cakes of soap, and also 10 pairs socks, 2 pairs stockings, 1 pair mittens, and 1 tray cloth.

KWANGTUNG FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

The Tung Wah Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Kwangtung Flood Relief Fund:—

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BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Steaks—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	19
Prime Cut	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shin	lb.	19
Breast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do, —Ngau Yuk	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Bullock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
do, —cured—Ham Ngau Li	each	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	14
Heart—Ngau Sam	lb.	14
Hump—Salt—Ngau Kin	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yin	lb.	11
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	13
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	set	1.09
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau tau-tan-koek	set	1.09
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Yeung Pui	lb.	25
Shoulder—Yeung Shan	lb.	24
Saddle	lb.	27
Pigs Chittlings—Chu Chong	lb.	24
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	13
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tan	lb.	16
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yin	lb.	18
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	28
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	lb.	24
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	lb.	23
Leg—Chu Pui	lb.	23
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tan Keuk	set	60
Heart—Yeung Sam	each	8
Kidneys—Yeung Yin	lb.	12
Liver—Yeung Kon	lb.	26
Sticking Pigs to order—Chu Tsai	lb.	22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau	lb.	22
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yan	lb.	26
Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	lb.	29
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Tsai	lb.	35
Cheepa, Large, Small—Sun Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Toves—Pan Kan	lb.	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)	lb.	38
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geese—Nga	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Hohow—Hoi Hoi Pak Kap	each	25
Snipe—Sha Tsai	each	22
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—Na	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	75
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	16
Bream—Pa Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sun Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Man Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	26
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	16
Dab—Sha Meng Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Ti To Sha	lb.	10
Pela, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupa—Shet Pan	lb.	40
Godgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	26
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Mung Yu	lb.	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb.	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tan Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Fa Pan Fong	lb.	16
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Yu	lb.	38
Ray—Fai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shet Kau Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	lb.	30
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Skate—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Skipper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Sole—Tat Sha Yu	lb.	26
Tench—Wau Yu	lb.	16
Turbot—Cho Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	lb.	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	lb.	18
(Chefoo)—Tin Chan Ping Kho	lb.	18

肉食

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heng Chin lb.	each	1
(bunches), Macao—San Heng Chin	each	1
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lat	each	1
Carambola—Yeung To	each	12
Cocoanuts—Ye Tao	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tse	lb.	30
Lemons, China—Lung Mung	each	8
America—Kam Shan Liang Mung	each	10
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
do, —Fresh	lb.	5
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	each	5
do, —Sweet	each	8
Pears, (American)—Kun San Shoo Lay	each	10
(Canton), Cooking—Shi Li	each	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	each	10
Plantain—Tai Chiu	each	14
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	each	14
Pumelo, Sam—Chim Lo Yau	each	14
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	each	15
Walnuts—Hop To	each	15
Water Melon—(Am.)—Kam San Sai Kwa	each	1

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Chenks	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Mook Pin Tan	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin	lb.	8
Sprouts—Ah Choi	lb.	8
Long—Tan Kok	lb.	8
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau	each	6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	each	6
Broad Beans—Ching Yuan Kwa	each	6
do, —Hung Ke	each	6
Cabbages, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsai	lb.	10
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsai	lb.	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kam Shun	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai	lb.	8
Chillies Dried—Kun Lap Chiu	lb.	25
do, —Hung Pa Chin	lb.	10
Green—Ching Lap Chiu	lb.	10
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chu Liu	lb.	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic—Sun Tai	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tai Kung	lb.	8
do, —old—Lo Kung	lb.	9
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb.	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each	1
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai	lb.	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	6
Mandarins—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko	each	35
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam San Hong Kwa	each	1
Okra	lb.	1
Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tau	lb.	8
Green—Shang Chong	lb.	7
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	lb.	8
Parsley—Kun Tsai	lb.	8
Green Peas—Ching Tan	lb.	3
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	lb.	3
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tai	lb.	3
Japan—Yut Pun Shu Tai	lb.	3
American—Fa Ki Shu Tai	lb.	3
Foohow—Fook-chow Shu Tai	lb.	3
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai	lb.	3
Edam (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	3
Sage—Tao So	lb.	8
Shallots—Kun Chong Tau	lb.	8
Spinach—Yin Tsai	lb.	5
Tomatoes—Fan Ke	lb.	6
Taro—Wu Tai	lb.	6
Turkey Potatoes (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
do, —English—Yeung Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit wa	lb.	4
(American)—Kam San Hong Kwa	lb.	4
Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tsai	lb.	12
Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	6
Yam—Ta Shu	lb.	6
English—Yeung Kan Choi	lb.	6

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The above prices are in accordance with the Government list
of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the
30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule
of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour—	
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	\$4.50
per lb.	10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	4.00
per lb.	8
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	3.50
per lb.	7
2. Tinned Milk—	
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin	35
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin	25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin (13 oz.)	25
(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin	35
(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin	33
(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin	20
3. Sugar—	
Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin	1.15
Refined Crystallized, per lb.	12
Granulated, per lb.	12
Salt, No. 1 quality, per lb.	13
No. 2	12
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	

4. Frozen Meat—
The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published
on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red
ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in
the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman
and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at
the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in
Wyndham Street.]

5. Market Produce—(See above)
6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than
China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more
than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony
on the 25th July, 1914.

Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount or
secondary carriage, payment for all articles of food not exceeding 41
in value (excepting those articles enumerated in clause 5 in Proclamation
No. 18 of the 30th October, 1914, and in the above Schedule
shall if made in subsidiary coin be subject of an additional charge
of 15 per cent.

COMMERCIAL.

Trench Output for November.
The Trench Mines output from all sources for November was 2,732.

Sugar Duty.
The sugar duty under the recent Budget will, according to the Allied Brewery Traders' circular, amount roughly to a tax on beer of £700,000.

International Banking Corporation.

Mr. Selwyn Tait, a New York banker, who is returning through Japan from China, announces that the National City Bank of New York has acquired control of the International Banking Corporation and proposes to engage in large financial activities in China.

South India and India-Ceylon Railway.
The chairman of the South India Railway Co. has announced that the Indo-Ceylon connection is running at a considerable loss. Proposals had been submitted to the Ceylon Government and they might have to discontinue the working or reduce the traffic to an occasional passenger train.

Burma Railways Co.
The directors have decided to recommend a final distribution of £1 5s. per cent, together with a bonus of £1 per cent, on both subject to income tax, on account of surplus profits for the year to March 31, 1915, which will be distributed with the guaranteed interest payable on December 31 next, making in all a return of 6 per cent. for the year.

Tin Outputs.
Messrs. F. W. Barker and Co. advise us of the following outputs of clean tin ore for November: Kinta Association, mine p/s 263, tribute, p/s 242. Kambai, mine p/s 25, tribute, p/s 66. Ampang (Kinta), p/s 130. Messrs. Derrick and Co. state that the output from Sungai Gan Tin Mining Co., mine in N. vember was 33 Battery 222 piculs and tributors 33 piculs, a total of 255 piculs tin ore.

A New Coconut Products Company.

The Co-operative Coconut Products company, purely American enterprise organized for the purpose of dealing in coconut products and machinery connected with the coconut industry, has just been registered at Manila. The incorporators of the new firm, which will have its main offices in Manila and conduct business in all parts of the islands, are H. B. McCoy, C. H. Steyer, W. L. Applegate, C. H. Beam and G. C. Sellner. The capital stock of the organization is \$25,000, of which \$5,000 has been subscribed by the incorporators and \$2,750 paid in. C. H. Steyer has been made treasurer of the company.

Home Commercial and Produce Markets.

London Nov. 10.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4½ to 4¾ per cent, and discount of four months' Bank bills 5 per cent. The Silver market has been again firmer, the price of bars being now 24 7/16d. per lb. The Rubber Share market has shown considerably increased activity, and the market closes firm to strong. The directors of the British and Chinese Corporation have declared a dividend of 5 per cent. The sum of £12,000 in sovereigns was set aside at the Bank of England on 2nd inst. on account of the Straits Settlements Note Guarantee Fund. The Bank of England, on 5th inst., announced that £100,000 in sovereigns had been taken for Japan. The China Tea market has been fairly active at steady prices. In coffee there is a steady business passing at late rates. A fair demand continues to prevail in sugar at previous prices. Peppers remain in quiet although firm. Manila Hemp has ruled quieter, and previous prices are not generally maintained. Plantation Rubber has been strong and again dearer. Standard No. 1 Crepe being now quoted 2s. 7½d. per lb. Smoked sheet 2s. 7½d. per lb. Fine Hard Para is now 2s. 7½d. per lb. Straits Tin is \$162 10s. to \$163 for both cash and three months.

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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK	To-day's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914 Highest	1914 Lowest	1915 Highest	1915 Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.									
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. £800 s.	173/10	120,000	\$125	all	355	July	700	Oct. 345	div. 790 c. div. {Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914. Final of 1914 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914. Final of \$30 and bonus of \$5 making \$35 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914. Final of \$15 mak. \$45 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914}
Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. £25 s.	10,000	\$250	50	all	350	Dec.	305	Oct. 225	360
North China Ins. Co., Ltd. £175 s.	10,000	\$175	26	all	145	May	133	Jan. 175	100
Union Ins. Society of C'lon. £310 s.	12,000	\$250	100	all	847	April	700	Oct. 597	866
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd. £30 s.	12,000	\$100	60	all	20	April	192	Jan. 270	225
Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. £152 s.	20,000	\$100	20	all	160	July	140	Oct. 162	130
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd. £415 s.	8,000	\$350	50	all	395	Feb.	363	April 420	395
Shipping.									
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. £93 s.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov. 94	45	\$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd. £20 s.	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec. 23	19	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. £157 s.	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept. 159	96	6 p.c. on p.a. & 3 p.c. on d.a. for year 1914. a/c 1913. Interim of 6 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London 29.12.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.12.15
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd. £65 s.	3,797,610	\$1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept. 90 1/2	div. 83 1/2	Final of 5/- (Coupon No. 24) making 7/- for 1914. \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15
Star Ferry Company, Ltd. £37 s.	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov. 39	32	\$3 for 1913. \$3 for 1914
Refineries.									
China S. Refining Co., Ltd. £126 s.	20,000	\$100	all	86 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov. 134	111	\$3 for 1913. \$3 for 1914
Luzon S. Refining Co., Ltd. £56 s.	7,000	\$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec. 46	27 1/2	
Mining.									
Failan Mining Administration £30 s.	1,000	\$1	all	4 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec. 33 1/2	38 1/2	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5) 1/2 for 1909
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. £3 s.	100,000	\$1	all	3 1/2	Jan.	190	Nov. 4	4	1/2 for 1909
Tronoh Mines Ltd. £37 s.	160,000	\$1	all	39 1/2	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov. 32 1/2	25 1/2	1/2 interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Tral Caspian £35 s.	786,666	\$1	all	56 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	41	37 1/2	1/2 interim 1915
Decks, Wharves and Godowns &c.									
H'kong & W. P. & G. Co., Ltd. £77 s.	50,000	\$50	all	69	Jan.	73	Nov. 81 1/2	68	\$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W. P. & G. Co., Ltd. £83 s.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct. 88 1/2	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914
H'kong & W. P. & G. Co., Ltd. £53 s.	55,700	\$100	all	60	July	50	Dec. 63 1/2	49 ex div.	Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15
H'kong & W. P. & G. Co., Ltd. £98 s.	35,000	\$100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec. 82 1/2	80	Tls. 5 for 1914
Land, Hotels and Buildings.									
Anglo French Lands £94 s.	13,000	\$100	100	128	July	120	Dec. 116	112	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14. \$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co. £103 s.	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov. 111 1/2	108	\$3 for year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co. £103 s.	100,000	\$70	all	91 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov. 71	61	45 cents for year 1914
H'kong Land Investment Co. £103 s.	50,000	\$50	all	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb. 40	40	\$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands £105 s.	72,000	\$50	all	98	Dec.	69	Oct. 106	101	Dividend of 6 p.c. for year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ltd. £74 s.	12,500	\$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	108	\$2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates £100 s.	10,000	\$100	all	108	June	66	Feb.	108	\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd. £142 ex div.	20,000	\$50	all	138	July	125	May 180	142	Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
Kung Yik £142 s.	75,000	\$10	all	141	Jan.	11	Mar. 17	13 1/2	Tls. 1.30 for year ending 30.11.14
Laun Kung Mow £78 s.	8,000	\$10	all	140	Feb.	10	May 19	80	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons £137 s.	40,000	\$50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov. 105	90	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Miscellaneous.									
China Borneo Company Ltd. £104 s.	60,000	\$1	all	12	May	10	Dec. 10	10	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. £4.80 s.	50,000	\$5	all	4.50	July	4	April 4 1/2	4 1/2	6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares) £9.80 s.	125,000	\$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov. 10 1/2	8.00	70 cts. for 1914
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd. £9.80 s.	40,000	\$10	all	39	June	35	Aug. 34	31	\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd. £30 s.	400,000	\$10	all	6.90	Jan.	5	Dec. 11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. £9.78 s.	60,000	\$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov. 45	39	\$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. £44 s.	6,500	\$15	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec. 190	184	Interim of \$3 account 1915
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd. £190 s.	25,000	\$10	all	25	June	22	Apr. 42 1/2	25	Interim of \$1 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Rope Works Co., Ltd. £34 s.	325,000	\$5	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb. 5.90	4.50	\$10% for 1914
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. £5 1/2 s.	250,000	\$10	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec. 42	36 1/2	Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1915
Langkate £35 1/2 s.	250,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June 10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old) £10 s.	25,000	\$10	all	93 cts.	Jan.	75 cts.	Dec. 71	80 cts.	None
Do. (New) 85 cts. s.	50,000	\$10	all	10	Jan.	5	5	5	\$1.50 for 1910
Philippines Ltd. £4 s.	75,000	\$10	all	10	Jan.	5	5	5	None
H. Price & Co., Ltd. £45 s.	12,000	\$10	all	10	Jan.	5	5	5	None
Societe des Pulpes et Papier £20 s.	12,000	\$50	all	5.00	June	4	Nov. 3 1/2	2.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15
Series du Tonkin £20 s.	27,000	\$5	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan. 18	16	\$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1914
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd. £31 s.	20,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec. 6.90	6 1/2	60 cts. for 1914
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd. £16 s.	90,000	\$10	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec. 7	5 1/2	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
Watson and Co., Ltd. £6 s.	21,000	\$7	all	30	June	92	Dec. 29	29	\$1.50 for 1914
William Powell, Limited. £5 s.	21,000	\$7	all	30	June	92	Dec. 29	29	\$1.50 for 1914
S. C. Morning Post £29 s.	6,000	\$25	all	30	June	92	Dec. 29	29	\$1.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buyers.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sindycrofts (Straits) \$7.00 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3 buyers.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$6.75 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.
Nordlands 13/5 buyers 18/9 sellers.			

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Selling.	T/T Bombay	On Haiphong	Gold Leaf per oz.
1/10 1/16	144	5 1/2% prem.	\$59.80
1/10 15/16	144	On Saigon	\$10.50 nom.
1/11	144 1/4	On Bangkok	Bar Silver ready
30 d/s	144 1/4	Buying.	\$25 15/16
1/11 1/8	144 1/4	4 m/s. L/C	forward
1/11 3/16	144 1/4	4 m/s. D/P	
4 m/s.	144 1/4	1/11 5/8	
T/T Shanghai	144 1/4	1/11 3/4	
Private 30 d/s sight	144 1/4	6 m/s. L/C	
T/T Singapore	144 1/4	30 d/s. Sney & M.	
T/T Japan	144 1/4	30 d/s. San Poo & N.Y.	
T/T India	144 1/4	108 1/4	
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